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THE REHEARSAL.

1. Some *Books* wherein an Account of the *Scotch* Affairs.
2. And a full Anſwer to our late *Scandalous* Pamphlets.
3. The Uſe of this to Us in *England.*
4. About 130 Families to be Supported by the preſent *Collections.*
5. Of the *Presbyterians* there Contributing to the Relief of the Ejected *Epiſcopal Clergy.*
6. The *Biſhop* of *Bath* &c. Contributed Largely to the Relief of the *Priſoners* taken at *Sedgmoor.*
7. As the late King *James* did to the *French Refugees*, with the *Biſhops*, *Clergy* and *Epiſcopal Nobility* and *Gentry*,
8. The *Depriv'd Biſhops* late of *Scotland*, are by the *Union* made one Body with the *Depriv'd Biſhops* of late *England.*

SATURDAY, *January* 3. 1707.

(1.) *Country-man.* THE Account you gave laſt time, *Maſter*, of the *Reſtauration* of *Epiſcopacy* in *Scotland* after 1660; And of the Eſtabliſhment of *Preſbytery* there ſince the *Revolution* 1688, was very *Short* and *Conciſe*, tho' *Plain* and *Intelligible.* But People wou'd be willing to ſee theſe things more at Large, with the *Particularities* and *Circumſtances* of them, as likewiſe the *Vouchers.*

Rehearſal. I have before Refer'd them to the *Scots Tracts* upon this Subject. But I will now Name a few, that they may more Eaſily come at them. Let them therefore Inquire for, *An Account of the late Eſtabliſhment of Presbyterian Government by the Parliament of Scotland in Anno* 1690. *Printed at London*, 1693. *A Letter to a Friend concerning the Perſecution of the Scots Clergy.* Printed at *London*, 1690. *An Appology for the Clergy of Scotland.* Printed at *London*, 1693. *The Presbyterian Inquiſition.* London, 1691. *A Collection of Acts of Parliament relating to the Scots Clergy.* Printed at *London*, 1693. Add to theſe, *A Vindication of the Government of Scotland during the Reign of K. Char.* II. *againſt Miſrepreſentations made in ſeveral Scandalous Pamphlets.* Printed at *London*, 1691. This was wrote by the Renowned Sr. *George Mackenzie*, Lord Advocat in *Scotland* in thoſe times, with *Vouchers* and *Records* paſt all Denial. Theſe were Printed for *Jo. Hindmarſh* over againſt the *Royal-Exchange.* Which I ſuppoſe are ſtill to be had.

(2.) Now theſe *Miſinformations* made in theſe *Scandalous Pamphlets* at that time, about the beginning of the *Revolution*, have been Repeated ever ſince in more *Scandalous*, *Pamphlets*, and weekly *Papers* of *Reviews*, *Obſervators*, &c. without any *Shame* or taking Notice, That all their *Allegations* have been already fully and demonſtrably *Confuted.*

And if I ſhou'd *Repeat* the *Anſwers*, as oft as they *Repeat* their *Miſrepreſentations*, no Men of *Senſe* wou'd bear it. But they ſerve a *Party* who Love it, and are never *Weary*, where ther is any Scandal againſt the *Church* or the *Crown.* Therefor I have given the *State* of the *Caſe* in *Short*, and Refer'd to the *Vouchers*, where every one may ſee them. Tho' I have nam'd ſome all along as I went, that the Reader may not be at a loſs as to ſufficient *Conviction.*

(3.) *Country-m.* I'll get theſe Books as ſoon as I can, and Read them with Pleaſure, and inform my ſelf fully of the State of theſe Affairs in *Scotland.* Tho' I am ſufficiently Convinc'd by the Accounts and Proofs that you have given me. And this will help much to give us a true Notion of our *Presbyterians* and other *Diſſenters* here. For the Caſe is the ſame, vary'd only according to different *Times* and *Circumſtances.* Their *Principles*, and *Intereſt*, and their *Inclinations* are the ſame.

(4.) But, pray, *Maſter*, tell me, for I have been ask'd, what *Number* ther is of theſe *Epiſcopal Clergy* now Living, among whom

whom these *Collections* you have been speaking of are to be Distributed.

Rehearſ. The *Number* of the *Rabbl'd* I told you was about 300, beſides others who were turn'd out afterwards. Some of theſe 300 Died in the *Operation* of that ſharp *Phyſick*, and many of them are *Dead* ſince, and have left their *Wives* and *Children* totally Deſtitute, among whom, in a great Part, theſe *Collections* are to be Divided. So that by the beſt Information I can have there are about 130 *Families* who Depend upon theſe *Collections*. And a large Summ will be but a Little to Every one of theſe Souls.

(5.) *Country-m.* This *Obſervator* ſays in the ſame Place, *That many of the Reſt* (that is, of the *Rabbl'd* and *Depriv'd Clergy* in *Scotland*) *were frequently Reliev'd more liberally by the Presbyterians than by thoſe of their own Perſwaſion*,

Rehearſ. Why then wou'd he hinder the *Presbyterians* here to follow ſo Good an Example? And not only the *Presbyterians* or other *Diſſenters*, but the *Biſhops* and *Clergy*, and *Epiſcopal* Men? Did K. *William* give *Penſions* to the *Depriv'd Biſhops*, and is it a Scandal to Q. *Anne?* Did K *Will.* and the *Scots Presbyterians* Contribute? And was it to a *Jacobite* Plot?

(6.) *Country-m.* Shame on't! See how *Malice* blinds. See the Different *Temper* of *Men* and *Principles!* You told me how the Good *Biſhop* of *Edinburgh* Dr. *Wiſhart* did relieve thoſe had Perſecuted him into *Dungeons*. Which minds me of what ſuch another Good man Dr. *Kenn* Biſhop of *Bath* and *Wells* did there after the *Battle* of *Sedgmoor* in his *Dioceſs* in the Reign of the late King *James* II, how he laid himſelf out and took Pains to Relieve the *Priſoners* were brought thither, both out of his own Pocket, and otherwiſe. He thought it no Excuſe to his *Charity*, that they were taken in open *Rebellion*, and had forfeited their *Lives* to the *Laws*. Let the *Law* then Judge them. But while *God* preſerves *Life*, he gives ſpace of *Repentance*. And *Charity* will aſſiſt to preſerve that *Life* which *God* gives. Nor did his *Maſter* the late King *James* take this ill from him or reprove him for ſupporting of *Rebels* againſt his *Majeſty*.

(7.) *Rehearſ.* The ſame *King* gave very Liberally himſelf, and Granted ſeveral *Briefs* through the Three *Kingdoms*, for Relief of the *French Hugonots* who fled hither. Their Difference in *Religion*, and as to *Principles* of *Civil* Government, were made no Objection. And the Large *Contributions* of the *Biſhops* and *Clergy*, and of the *Epiſcopal Nobility* and *Gentry* upon that Occaſion, given to *Profeſs'd Presbyterians* ſhews that they thought not their *Charity* was Confin'd to thoſe only of their own *Communion*.

Yet what a *Noiſe* is here made, and what *Induſtry* us'd to Obſtruct far ſmaller *Collections* for the Relief of thoſe *Clergy* and their poor *Families*, who have fallen a *Sacrifice* for *Epiſcopacy*, in our own, now one *Kingdom* of *Britain*?

(8.) By which *Union* the *Scots Biſhops* are Now in the Number of the Depriv'd *Biſhops* of *Britain*. And if Reſtor'd, wou'd make Part of the *Epiſcopal College* of *Great Britain*. They are now ſo *in Poſſe*.

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